

REMARKS


The first preliminary amendment cancels claims 4-16.

This second preliminary amendment adds an abstract to the application on a separate page and inserts new claims 18-33. No new matter was added. The subject matter of new claims 18-33 correspond to that of canceled claims 4-16.

After entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1-3 and 17-33 are pending. Thus, the pending claims include twenty (20) claims in total, two (2) independent, and no multiple dependent.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 1-3 and 17-33. Charge any additional fees due to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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